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REMARKS

Status Summary

Claims 1-25 are pending in the present application. Claims 49, 58 and 59 have been cancelled by the present amendment and claims 26-48 and 50-57 were previously cancelled. Claims 2-25 have been allowed, claim 1 is objected to, and claims 49, 58 and 59 presently stand rejected.

Claim Rejection - 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 49, 58 and 59 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,127,554 to Boykin et al. Although applicants do not agree with this rejection and the basis of support thereof advanced by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, in an effort to expedite prosecution, applicants have cancelled claims 49, 58 and 59. It is respectfully submitted that this rejection has been rendered moot. Therefore, applicants respectfully request this rejection be withdrawn.

Claim Objections

Claim 1 has been objected to for certain informalities. Specifically, the Examiner has objected to the lack of the term "and" directly after "Formula (III)," and has requested that the term "and" be inserted therein. This substitution has been effected by the present amendment.

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the objection based formalities for the claims has been addressed. Withdrawal of this objection and allowance of claim 1 is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in proper condition for allowance, and an early notice to such effect is earnestly solicited.

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If any small matter should remain outstanding after the Patent Examiner has had an opportunity to review the above Remarks, the Patent Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned patent attorney in order to resolve these matters and avoid the issuance of another Official Action.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with the filing of this correspondence to Deposit Account No. 50-0426.

Respectfully submitted,  
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